

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 89- 21

## ARIZONA PUBLIC INTEREST FUND

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Section 41-1105 authorizes the Governor to "accept and expend public or private gifts, grants, donations or funds for the purpose of promoting the interests of the state or to promote and encourage citizen public service to the state"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and his or her authorized representatives have many opportunities to further the state's interests and to promote and encourage public service by citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Governor and his or her representatives have the ability to further the state's interest and to promote and encourage public service by citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and his or her representatives presently do not have adequate resources or funds available to promote the state's interests and encourage public service by citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Arizona Public Interest Fund (the "Fund") is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. Section 41-1105. The Fund shall be maintained in strict compliance with the provisions of A.R.S. Section 41-1105, all other relevant statutes and in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Public or private gifts, grants, donations or funds (collectively "donations") shall be accepted for deposit into the Fund, subject to a \$2,500 limit per person per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) on each and every donation from whatever source.

2. All donations to the Fund shall be promptly remitted to the account of the state treasurer to be handled and maintained in accordance with the relevant provisions of A.R.S. Sections 35-142, 35-146 and 35-149. Interest earned on money deposited in the Fund shall accrue to the Fund and be disbursed in accordance with these guidelines.

3. All donations to and disbursements from the Fund shall be handled, maintained and processed as required by law.

4. The Fund shall be monitored by two Trustees who shall be from different political parties and who shall separately and independently provide the Governor with advice concerning the appropriateness of donations to, and expenditures from, the Fund.

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5. An expenditure shall be made from the Fund only if the expenditure promotes the interests of the state, or promotes and encourages citizen public service to Arizona. Categories of preauthorized expenditures include: the purchase of appropriate gifts or memorabilia for foreign, national, state or local dignitaries (e.g., gifts of Arizona artifacts or items reflective of Arizona's culture or environment); reasonable promotional expense not covered from other sources for the purpose of advancing Arizona's interests, recruiting new industry, and/or promoting economic development in Arizona (e.g., business development activities); modest gifts or memorabilia for citizen volunteers or local dignitaries (e.g., Arizona license plates manufactured by Arizona's Correctional Industries); expenses associated with the promotion of good working relationships between the various branches of national, state and local governments or with other public policy makers (e.g., attendance at various events); and any other substantially similar expenditure.

6. All expenditures, except the preauthorized categories described above shall be reviewed independently by each of the Trustees and approved by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

7. Expenditures which do not promote the state's interests or do not promote and encourage citizen public service or which provide a personal benefit to a trustee, the Governor, the Governor's staff, relatives (as defined in A.R.S. Section 38-502(9)) of the Governor or a member of the Governor's staff are strictly prohibited and will not be made.

8. In order to maintain the integrity of the Fund, purchases made with Fund monies must be made from businesses or organizations in which no member of the Governor's staff, the Governor, the Trustees or relatives as defined in A.R.S. Section 38-502(9) have a substantial pecuniary interest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed on the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this eighth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirteenth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

